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TOPIC Conversion of a Siebel Ferry for Use as a Repair Ship for the Soviet Army

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The Mechanische Werkstaetten (Mechanical Workshops) on Olbricht Strasse in Leipzig N 22, which was used as a Soviet Army workshop, placed an order with the former Ertel Shipyard in Woltersdorf near Ruedersdorf for the conversion into a repair ship of a Siebel ferry at a cost of 50,000 eastmarks. The repair ship which had a length of 26 meters, a beam of 14 meters, a molded depth of 1.65 meters and superstructures, 3.5 meters high, was scheduled to be transferred to Dessau-Rosslau on orders of the Soviet Army. In answer to a request, the mechanical workshops were directed by the State Secretariat of Shipping to transfer the vessel to the Elbe River via the Oder-Spree Canal, the Oder River and the Oder-Havel Canal to avoid passage through the western sectors of Berlin.

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Comment. As the summer engineer training site of the Soviet Army is located in the Dessau-Rosslau area, it is believed that the repair ship will be used by engineer units.

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